

Candidates for Elective State Office Committees Primarily Formed To Support or Oppose State Candidates or State Ballot Measures November 4, 2008 Election Calendar

Ongoing Reports:

- **\$5,000 Report (contributions received).** Electronic filers¹ must file Form 497 within 10 business days if a contribution of \$5,000 or more is received from a single source at any time other than the 90-day election cycle (see below), including after the election. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers. (This report is not required to be filed by a non-controlled committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate.)
- **State Ballot Measure Report.** Electronic filers must file Form 496 or 497 within 10 business days if independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more or contributions totaling \$5,000 or more are made to support or oppose a state ballot measure. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers. Independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made during the 90-day election cycle (see below) must be reported within 24 hours.
- **Paid Spokesperson Report:** File Form 511 within 10 days if an expenditure of \$5,000 or more is made to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

August 6, 2008 through November 4, 2008 – 90-Day Election Cycle. Electronic filers must file Form 497 within 24 hours if a contribution of \$1,000 or more is received from a single source during the period. (This report is not required to be filed by a non-controlled committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate.)

Electronic filers must file Form 496 within 24 hours if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made during the period to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election.²

No paper copies are required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers, including during the late reporting period.

¹ Committees must file electronically with the Secretary of State if, since January 1, 2000, they receive contributions or make expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ca.gov). Paper filings may also be required.

² A controlled committee may not make independent expenditures to support or oppose candidates and may not contribute to another committee for the purpose of making independent expenditures to support or oppose other candidates.

September 20, 2008 through November 3, 2008 – Issue Advocacy Report. Electronic filers must file Form E-530 within 48 hours if a payment or promise of payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the period for a communication identifying a state candidate being voted on in the election (but not expressly advocating support or opposition). No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers.

October 5, 2008 – First Pre-election Statement. File Form 460 for the period July 1³ through September 30. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more were made during the period to support or oppose candidates or measures being voted on in the November 4 election. [Note: Since October 5 falls on Sunday, the report is due October 6.]

October 23, 2008 – Second Pre-election Statement. File Form 460 for the period October 1 through October 18. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more were made during the period to support or oppose candidates or measures being voted on in the November 4 election.

October 19 through November 3, 2008 – Late Contribution/Late Independent Expenditure Reports. File Form 496 or 497 within 24 hours if, during the period, contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received from a single source, if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate being voted on in the election or to a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or ballot measure being voted on in the election, or if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a ballot measure being voted on in the election. The recipient of a late in-kind contribution must file Form 497 within 48 hours from the time the in-kind contribution is received.

November 4, 2008 – General Election.

January 31, 2009 – Semi-annual Statement. File Form 460 for the period October 19 through December 31. Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more were made during the period to support or oppose candidates or measures being voted on in the November 4 election. [Note: Since January 31 falls on Saturday, the report is due February 2.]

³ The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.